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Good Government; Honesty in Public Office; Equal Justice to All--Special Privileges to None.

## The Florida Candidates Two Years Hence

### Political Gossip Heard About The State Capitol Before Adjournment Of The Legislature.

The Tallahassee correspondent of the Savannah News sends that paper the following highly interesting political prognostications:

Though it is many, many months yet before Florida will indulge in another primary election it is already fast becoming evident who's going to be who, so far as the candidates are concerned. The legislature is nearly two-thirds over now, and already the crop of candidates, for the next primary is beginning to ripen. At any rate its got to where the political highbrows can point out to the innocent, and perhaps bored, bystander the ambitious ones.

Of course, the senatorial race heads the list. United States Senator James P. Taliaferro goes off the pay roll when the next election comes around--so far as his present term is concerned. There isn't a single member of the legislature going to be in the race, and yet a close knowledge of how the members regard the possible candidates gives a very good clue to how things will stand. And for that reason if you know the legislature you can know who are going to lead off in the big contest.

That Senator Taliaferro will stand for re-election is certain, though he hasn't said so publicly. And that former Gov. Napoleon B. Broward, will be in the race is just exactly as certain. Gov. Gilchrist will still be governor and won't be in it, and he won't at any future time, for he has no such ambition. He is giving his entire time now to endeavoring to make the State a rattling good governor.

#### IT'S TALIAFERRO AND BROWARD.

That leaves it all up to Senator Taliaferro and Gov. Broward. It has been generally circulated that "Uncle Steve" Broward, from down in the First Congressional district, will stop holding down a desk round in "Uncle Joe" Cannon's end of the capitol and will try to get a seat over where "Sunny Jim" Sherman presides. But there isn't a thing to that. He won't figure in the senatorial race. Just as they have in the past are the people of the First going to insist upon his going back once again to Congress, for he holds a high place on the Rivers and Harbors committee. That means a whole lot to South Florida. And then, anyhow, he's too good a friend of Senator Taliaferro to get into the race against him.

Senator Taliaferro isn't a man that gets right down close to the people like former Governor Broward. But he's got a big following and he's still strong. He has himself out in West Florida, especially by his naval stores inspection bill. That will count against him. But there's no getting around it that he will be in the race.

Some people say Broward is a dead one. It never looks like it when he happens back in Tallahassee. There's always a crowd around him. No one ever puts up an argument against him to his face. It has been proven dangerous. The manner in which he explained the Jennings' fees, and the acts of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund two weeks ago, before the house, and answered plainly and honestly every question put to him, proved that he is just the same straightforward Floridian that won his way against greatest odds to the governor's chair and then despite adverse criticism from every quarter, started the great Everglades drainage work, so that it will come to a successful conclusion.

He hasn't said that he will run for the senate. "I don't have to go ask permission of anybody," he said the other day, "and for that reason it won't take me three minutes to decide about it when I get ready. I can run or not." In other words, he is independent of any boss or interest. It is the same honest and fearless Florida cracker who went down in defeat against overwhelming odds in the last election after a race which was conceded by his enemies to be the most phenomenal in the political history of Florida. But the contest for the senate next year is going to be between James P. Taliaferro and Napoleon Bonaparte Broward.

#### AFTER FRANK CLARK.

There's going to be a little row over in the Second Congressional district about that seat in Washington that Frank Clark is holding down just now. He got mixed up with the lower house of the Florida legislature by courtesy of "Jeems" Alexander, because he attacked Bryan on the floor of congress, and said some other things some of the legislators didn't especially approve of.

There's a whole bunch of members of the house who have got their eyes on that seat of Frank Clark's. The reason they don't accomplish more work is because there is so much political grandstand playing on the part of some of the members. They're all mighty good men, but perhaps it human nature to do an

## EAST AND WEST LEON.

### A Little Tilt of Words Shows The County of Great Advantages.

County Commissioner Crump and Mr. C. Strickland, who live in the eastern and western portions of the county respectively, under different soil and agricultural conditions, were in The True Democrat office Saturday and began to laud the advantages of their respective sections of the county.

"Well, I am one of the independent farmers. My cultivated crops are in good shape and I have been amassing my lips for the past few weeks over the most delicious honey imaginable, and all secured from the forest without any attention to the bees except gathering their stores," said Mr. Strickland.

"But this does not begin to compare with the honey product which I have also been enjoying," replied the genial Commissioner. "My bees gathered their product from corn tassels and clover and cultivated crops; of course it is superior."

"Well, my section not only flows with the honey, but we have an abundance of pure milk, and my cows get it from the green and succulent food of the forests," replied Mr. Strickland.

"Again I am ahead of you," was Mr. Crump's reply. "My fat Jerseys graze on the cultivated grasses particularly adapted to rich milk and butter production, and these two commodities of the hustling farmer cannot be excelled anywhere on the continent."

"Well, how about the meat proposition," was Mr. Strickland's next move. "I know you can't beat me on this. Myself and sons went into the woods a few days ago and killed a fine hog netting over three hundred pounds, which had grown and fattened in the woods, costing me not a cent. I can do this every week in the year if I care to."

"Why, it would pay you for making the trip just to come over my way and see the fine Berkshires of myself and my neighbors. They run in our pastures and like the cows keep fat on Bermuds. And when we go to kill them we harden the meat up with a little corn, and it is fit for kings."

"I know I can down you on the fish and game proposition," finally cried Mr. Strickland. "The river and creeks around me abound in the finny trip, and I can go out and return with a supply whenever I desire. And in season the game actually comes up to my doors, apparently anxious to be taken."

"Oh, your fish are all cats," retorted Crump, "you should have gone with me to beautiful Iamonia lake yesterday, and assisted me to pull in the fine red breasted bream. Oh, they were beauties, and what a feast, when well browned and served by the best cook in Florida."

Neither of these gentlemen exaggerated the conditions and advantages of their respective sections of the grand old county of Leon. Certainly no other section of the country can be found to equal it.

occasional grand stand stunt when it may possibly land you in Washington. It's got so common that some of the members are already addressed as "congressman."

Speaker Farris, of the house, and Representative Hilburn, of Putnam, are in all probability the men who will be in the race when the show down comes. Some accuse "Jeems" Alexander, of Volusia, and Calkins, of Nassau, of listening to the buzzing of the same bee. But "Jeems" says he's not in it and Calkins will probably support Farris. Hilburn led the submissionists in their fight for the McMullen prohibition resolution. He and Farris are among the more popular of the house. Between them Clark will have to hustle for his seat. He is still strong around in Bradford county and in that section, but he has lost ground down in the southern counties of his district. The following Farris will win in Duval with Hilburn's strength in Putnam, and the defection down the East Coast, will give Clark a hustle.

#### HUDSON FOR GOVERNOR.

President of the Senate Fred M. Hudson stands the best show at the present time of any one as the next occupant of the gubernatorial chair. He hasn't said anything about running, but his friends have. It's over two years away before the race comes, for it won't be in the 1910 primaries as the present incumbent has a four-year tenure on the job.

Hudson is strong down on the East Coast. His fair and impartial work as a member of the legislature and as the presiding officer of the senate has won him strong friends out in West Florida. He is a Broward man and has been a strong and close friend of the former governor for many years. The only other probable candidate is Attorney General Park Trammell, of Lakeland. His friends are grooming him for the race.

Of course prognostications at this early date are necessarily long guesses. But close touch with the legislature puts one in close touch with the State as a whole, and it isn't so awfully hard to get a straight line on it all.

## PECULIAR ADAPTATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

### In Its Conformation, Climatic and Industrial Conditions to Modern Methods of Civilization and Improvement.

(Communicated.)

This is essentially an age of commercial progression.

Associations of mankind have ever developed two phases of settlement--municipal and rural.

Differences of character and purpose distinguish the two conditions.

Neither are possible without exercise of industrial usefulness.

Either may successfully progress so long as moral and physical conditions of a healthful condition are maintained.

An entertaining direction of thought is observation of the advantages attending development of felicities and desirable results, under the two conditions.

Liberty and freedom of personal action--universally prized attributes of mankind--seen more generally attainable around rural surroundings, where individual effort of each factor is more prominently depicted.

Commerce, mercantileism, integrators of wealth and political power, are more identified with moral relations in cities and towns.

While greatly promoting financial developments, and prosperities of a favored few, the latter influences do not appear materially to benefit the greater number.

Where natural conditions admit of a more general dispersal of enterprise, involving productive with manufacturing or even under systematic manipulation of products, into exchangeable or commercial preparations, such, for instance, as the growing of agricultural and horticultural products, and their local conversion into commercial conditions, much more general happiness and contentment is observable.

It is in just such connection, that the whole great State of Florida presents exceptional attractions.

There is scarcely a locality within her borders, so far removed from accessible points of rail or water communication with consuming markets to be at all isolated.

There exists here a greater number of profitable enterprises available for more continued time, at minimum cost, under more delightful climatic and social conditions than can be found elsewhere on the North American continent.

Opportunities for successful advancement seem as well assured as any where in the world.

In her 1200 miles of sea-board, teeming with valuable catch of fish and oysters. In her broad areas of timber and exhaustless mines of mineral fertilizers, so diversified productive of choice fruits and floral commodities, comparatively non-fluctuating in values, and withall incomparable salubrity and sanitation, Florida certainly presents more seductive attractions for home-making than any region we wot of.

#### FLORIDIAN.

### Iamonia and State Line News.

May 19.--There met at the Basin, on Tuesday, the 11th, inst., a very pleasant picnic, in which participated Mrs. T. P. Strickland and family, Mrs. W. T. Bannerman and Robert Bannerman, and Misses Alice Hunter, Frances and Beattie Van Brunt and Lucy Fields, Mr. O. C. Van Brunt, of Tallahassee, Mrs. W. F. Robertson and family, with guests Mrs. Amos and Mr. George Gwynn, of Tallahassee, Messrs. Eugene Cromartie and Shade Dickey, and Mrs. J. C. Trice. They had a fine time and plenty of fish.

The private school taught by Mrs. Trice, for Mr. T. P. Strickland, came to a close last Saturday, and Mrs. Trice returned to her home at Dogwood.

Mr. G. T. Brown, Sr., and daughter, Miss Maggie, went to Thomasville last Wednesday, on business.

Mr. Averitt's gang of road hands struck camp and moved to Dr. Anders' place and pitched camp last Saturday. They repaired all the roads around Iamonia, and the road going north from the school house to the Georgia and Florida line. They dug up trees, widened and scraped the road at those places where these several kinds of repairs were needed, and have helped the traveling business wonderfully, for which we give thanks.

Mr. A. K. Sessions and Mrs. Blount Strickland went to Tallahassee last Saturday, and returned home on Sunday. Mrs. Martha Jones, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sessions, returned to her home in Tallahassee at the same time.

On account of the protracted dry weather the farmers are getting their crops in fine condition. But water is an object. Numbers of families have to haul water for cooking, &c.

Mr. Maxwell, from over the river, was at Mr. T. P. Strickland's yesterday on business.

Mr. T. P. Strickland, Jr., and brother, Willie, went to Tallahassee the first of the week.

Mayhaws were excellent in quality this season, and the good housewives have put up quantities of nice jelly in this vicinity.

We fear peaches are going to be scarce and inferior in quality this summer.

## DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

### Has Made Splendid Progress Under Direction of Miss Cline.

The Department of Music at the Florida State College for Women has made steady progress during the past academic year under the supervision of Miss Martha May Cline, Director of Music at that institution. The names of a large percentage of the student body are enrolled in this department, and a number of the young ladies figured in the delightful piano recitals given at the College Saturday afternoon and evening.

The selections appearing on the programs for these recitals were all happily chosen from the masters of the musical art, and were rendered in a way that reflected great credit upon both teacher and pupil.

The program was as follows:

Sonatina in C, No. 1 (allegro, andante, vivace; accompaniment on second piano), Clementi. Miss Lillian Bruton  
Sonatina in G, No. 2 (allegretto, andante, vivace; accompaniment on second piano), Clementi. Miss Gladys Clark  
Sonatina, op. 67, No. 1 (allegro, andante, rondo), E. D. Wagner. Master Dell Hartt

Sonatina in C, No. 3 (spirituoso, un poco adagio, allegro; accompaniment on second piano), Clementi. Miss Maud Creekmore

Sonatina in G, No. 5 (presto, allegro moderato, condo; accompaniment on second piano), Clementi. Miss Cora Henderson

Sonatina in G, op. 55, No. 2 (allegretto, cantabile, allegro), Kuhlman. Miss Lula Dee Keith

Sonatina in G, No. 2 (second and third movements; adagio, molto vivace), Haydn. Miss Essie Long

Rondo, op. 51, No. 1, Beethoven. Miss Margaret Bradford  
Gipsy, rondo, Haydn. Miss Blanche Pattishall

Sonatina in G, No. 6 (allegro con spirito, allegretto spirituoso; accompaniment on second piano), Clementi. Miss Bly Pickett

Sonata in F, No. 4 (allegro, allegretto), Mozart. Miss Beattie Richardson  
Sonata in F, No. 3 (allegro, moderato, larghetto, presto), Haydn. Miss Marguerite Brickhouse

Sonata in C, No. 9 (andante con espressione, presto), Haydn. Miss Mattie May Williford

Sonata in B flat, No. 8 (allegro, andante, rondo), Mozart. Miss Hallie Granberry

Sonata in D, No. 7 (allegro, con brio, largo e sostenuto, presto), Haydn. Miss Olivia Moody

Sonata in F, No. 7 (second and third movements; adagio, allegro assai), Mozart. Miss Nannie Reese

Sonata in A flat, No. 16 (allegro, moderato, adagio, presto), Haydn. Miss Ruth Reynolds

Fantasia in C, Haydn. Miss Cebelle Warren

#### In Memoriam.

Whereas, it pleased God on the 26th day of April, 1909, to take from our midst our beloved friend and co-worker, Miss Ella Maddox, a devoted member of the M. E. Church, South, zealous in all branches of church work, a woman of high christian character, therefore be it--

Resolved, That we, the members of the missionary society of Lloyd, express our heartfelt sorrow at the loss of her presence, our highest appreciation of her zeal in doing good on earth, and our sympathy with those near and dear to her during her noble life among us.

2nd--That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our society, and copies be furnished The True Democrat and the Methodist Christian Advocate.

Mrs. F. B. Taylor,  
Mrs. R. B. Lafitte,  
Mrs. J. J. Willie,  
Committee.

#### Picnic at Lanark.

The Methodist Sunday School will picnic at Lanark on the Gulf. Friday, June 11th. This is one of the most delightful places in Florida. Fine beach and splendid water. Tickets will be on sale for 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00. It will doubtless be a great day with the Sunday School people.

#### Georgia and Florida Railway.

New short fast twice-daily passenger line, all Western Florida and Gulf ports, via Seaboard Air Line Railway, and Madison to Macon, Atlanta, all-points beyond, East, West, North, via Hagerhurst and Southern Railway. Close connections at Madison, quickest time, excellent road, new coaches, Pullman sleepers on night trains, all connecting lines.

Through tickets sold, baggage checked, all information at all ticket offices.

A. POPE,  
14-4w Traffic Manager, Douglas, Ga.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the best known pills and the best pills made, are easy to take and act gently and are certain. We sell and recommend them. All druggists. 11-1m.

## Commencement Day Of Florida State College

### Two Able Sermons Delivered By Two Distinguished Divines From Different Sections of the State.

Trinity Methodist Church was crowded both morning and evening last Sunday at the opening religious services of the commencement exercises of Florida State College for Women.

The baccalaureate was preached by Rev. Claude W. Duke, D. D., of First Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., who took for his subject: "I, the King of the Alphabet," and in the evening the Young Woman's Christian Association of the College was addressed by Rev. R. V. Atkinson, D. D., of First Methodist Church, Live Oak.

Seldom has it been the pleasure and privilege of congregations to listen to two such addresses on one and the same day. Clear, scholarly and forceful, and endowed with that peculiar power called personal magnetism, both distinguished speakers caught and held the interested attention of their audiences in a way vouchsafed only to those who rank highest among the public speakers of the day.

At both these services the musical programs, rendered by a choir selected from the musical department of the College, were greatly enjoyed. These programs were as follows:

11 O'CLOCK A. M.  
Voluntary, Andante Religioso--Thoms  
Mrs. Hequembourg.

Doxology.  
Invocation

Chorus--"List! The Cherubic Host"  
Gaul

Voice Class--Soprano Obligato--Miss  
Sarah Y. Cline.

Scripture Reading.  
Prayer.

Hymn--Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God  
Almighty--John B. Dyson

Announcements.  
Baccalaureate Sermon--

Claude W. Duke, D. D., Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida

Solo, These Are They--Gaul  
Miss Sarah Y. Cline.

Hymn--"Coronation"--Holden  
Benediction.

Postlude.  
8 O'CLOCK P. M.

Prelude.  
Solo--"Lead Kindly Light"--Pugh-Evans

Miss Sarah Y. Cline.

Hymn--"Blest Be The Tie that Binds"--Nagell

Scripture Reading.  
Prayer.

Hymn--"Abide With Me"--Montk

Sermon--R. V. Atkinson, D. D., Live Oak, Fla.

Trio--"Come Unto Him"--Sadda

Miss Sara Y. Cline, Mrs. Hudson, Mr.  
Heatwole.

Benediction.  
Postlude.

OFFERED TO CHANGE RECORDS

A Senate Stenographer and Assistant  
Chemist Get Themselves in  
Trouble.

When the Senate went into executive session last week, speculation was rife as to the cause of this unusual action, and many were the guesses made upon the subject. These, however, fell wide of the mark, as was proven by the general surprise shown when the real facts were presented.

It has transpired that a letter was recently written to the head of a brewing establishment in St. Louis, by Algee, one of the senate stenographers, and B. H. Bridges, Assistant State Chemist, in which certain offers were made which would be to the financial interest of the company, but which involved a violation of law. This letter was submitted to the Jacksonville representative of the St. Louis firm, who in turn sent it to one of the members of the senate, by which body it was acted upon. Algee was dismissed and Governor Gilchrist was recommended to demand the resignation of Bridges.

Mr. Bridges has lived in Tallahassee for a number of years and has many friends here who are both astonished and distressed to learn of this lapse in the rectitude of one who has heretofore led an exemplary life.

#### A Happy Father

is soon turned to a sad one if he has to walk the floor every night with a crying baby. McGee's Baby Elixir will make the child well--soothe its nerves, induce healthy, normal slumber. Best for disordered bowels and sour stomach--all teething babies need it. Pleasant to take, sure and safe, contains no harmful drugs. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by Hardee-Seed druggists.

P. T. Nicholson, the Jeweler, your watch work in a manner. Give him a try.